THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ELIPE DHARMA RAO

WRIT PETITION NO : 17290 of 2005

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DATED:05.08.2005

Between:

Sadam Koteswara Rao S/o. Ramaiah
R/o. D.No. 16-18-1/1, Burelavari Street, Old Guntur, Guntur,

..... PETITIONER

AND

The District Collector, Guntur, Guntur District and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in striking down the petitioner's name at Serial No.403 in Part NO.167 from the list of male voters while retaining his name at serial No.420 in part No.168 in the female voters list of Ward No.7 of Municipal Corporation of Guntur is arbitrary and illegal.

The case of the petitioner is that he was born and brought up in Guntur and was a voter since long time in Guntur. He stated that as his name was deleted from the voters list, he submitted an application to the competent officer in Form-VI on 03.10.2004 to include his name in the voters list. Subsequently, on verification of the final voters list obtained by Congress Political Party he found that his name which was in part 167 of the list in the category of men at Serial No.403 was struck down and was mentioned in part 168 of the list in the category of women voters at serial No.420 of VII Ward of Guntur Municipal Corporation. Immediately, he brought the said fact to the notice of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Guntur, by the representation, dated 11.07.2005 and again on 29.07.2005, he made another representation to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Guntur, under copies to the Mandal Revenue Officer and Revenue Divisional Officer, Guntur. But, so far the authorities concerned have not taken any action in this regard. Hence, this writ

petition.

The petitioner being a citizen of India is entitled to cast his vote and participate in the elections. Hence, suffice it to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioner dated 11.07.2005 and 29.07.2005 to include his name in the voters list prepared by them in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No order as to costs.

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